

## REMARKS

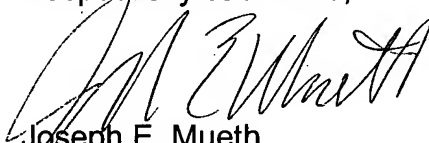
Reconsideration is requested.

The various comments and suggestions of the Examiner are appreciated and have been incorporated in the revised claims which do not alter in any way the scope of the claims and relate only to minor matters of mere verbal or literary significance.

The Abstract has also been revised with the Examiner's comment in mind.

It is sincerely believed that this patent application is in condition for allowance. The Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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